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SUBJECT: DISCLAIMER ON TRAVEL TO TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREAS
OF CYPRUS

REF: A. STATE 236091, B. LONDON 13980(NOTAL)

1. DCM DISCUSSED WITH COUNSELLOR OF FRENCH EMBASSY BERTHELOT
OCTOBER 30 QUESTION OF FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARDS ATTEMPTS BY
"AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION" (ATA) TO CONTROL
TRAVEL OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN CYPRUS. IN
COURSE OF CONVERSATION, BERTHELOT CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH EMBASSY
IN POSSESSION OF DISCLAIMER NOTE ON SUBJECT FOR POSSIBLE
DELIVERY TO ATA. FROM HIS DESCRIPTION, NOTE IDENTICAL IN CONTENT
AND TONE TO THAT CONTAINED IN REF B. ACCORDING TO BERTHELOT, NOTE
SAYS FACT THAT FRENCH EMBASSY ACCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS FROM ATA AND
ENGAGED IN DEALINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT
COMMUNITY ON QUESTIONS OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE OR CONSULAR MATTER IN
NO WAY AFFECTS GOF'S POSITION ON LEGAL STATUS OF REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.
BERTHELOT SAID NOTE WOULD NOT BE DELIVERED UNTIL SPECIFIC
INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM PARIS; THIS MIGHT BE AT ONCE OR
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IN A COUPLE OF DAYS.

2. BERTHELOT DECLARED THAT GOF RECOGNIZED VERY CLEARLY QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE INVOLVED AND THAT PROPOSED DISCLAIMER WOULD, IT WAS HOPED, PRESERVE PRINCIPLE WITHOUT UPSETTING EMBASSY'S DE FACTO ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCESS TO TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREAS. WHEN PRESSURED, HOWEVER, BERTHELOT ADMITTED THAT GOF COULD BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ON WISDOM OF DISCLAIMER APPROACH AND THAT THIS WAS ACCOUNTING FOR DELAY IN DELIVERY.

3. BERTHELOT SAID HE WOULD INFORM US IF AND WHEN FRENCH EMBASSY RECEIVED "FEU VERT" FOR DELIVERY. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT FRENCH SECOND THOUGHTS ON THIS END ARE OCCASIONED LESS BY MATTER OF PRINCIPLE THAN BY CONCERN THAT DISCLAIMER MIGHT PROVOKE ADVERSE REACTION FROM ATA. CRAWFORD

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